

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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July 8, 2003

FROM: GARY PENROD, Sheriff
Sheriff's Department

**SUBJECT: GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF
COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES, THE ENHANCEMENT OF
COMMUNITY POLICING.**

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, The Enhancement of Community Policing, in the amount of \$228,105.74.
2. Approve submission of grant application and ratify approval by the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) is seeking proposals to fund a variety of initiatives designed to enhance local law enforcement community policing efforts. The Sheriff's Department, Technical Services Division, is applying for funds under the area of Interactive Community Oriented Policing Outreach Program for the development of an interactive website that will provide an open avenue of communication between the Sheriff's Department and the public. The website will include a message board that will enable citizens to be heard and have their questions answered on-line by Department staff. At a time when budget constraints threaten to hinder community outreach programs, this interactive website will provide ongoing outreach and dialog with the community without the need for additional staff.

If this grant application is accepted and grant funds are awarded, it will provide for the purchase of necessary hardware, software, and training to implement the program. The requested amount of \$228,105.74 will fully fund the project and there is no matching fund requirement.

Due to the technical nature of this grant, it required significant staff time to determine the necessary hardware and software requirements for this project. As a result, the Department had insufficient time to submit the application to the Board of Supervisors for approval prior to the grant application deadline of June 30, 2003. The County Administrative Office recommended the Department request the Chairman of the Board to sign the application so that it could be submitted to the State by the June 30th deadline and then submit it to the Board for ratification. The Chairman signed the application on June 26, 2003 and the Department is submitting it for ratification at the next available Board date.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Kevin L. Norris, Deputy County Counsel) on June 27, 2003; and has been reviewed by the County Administrative Office (Mario Lara, Administrative Analyst) on June 27, 2003.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: If awarded this grant, in the amount of \$228,105.74, will provide funding for necessary hardware, software, and training to develop the interactive website. No matching funds are required.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All

PRESENTER: Rod Hoops, Captain, 387-3637

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